

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
January 4, 2023

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Thomas Bazan
Tabitha Bock
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Molly Berns, Mike Brooks, & Jeanette Goza

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the December minutes. A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Commissioner Bazan and was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell noted there was an article in the paper today about the Director of the Illinois State Museum, Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, being placed on the National Route 66 committee. Chairman Pell asked Commissioner Bazan if he had been following the bill that would designate Route 66 as a National Trail. Commissioner Bazan stated he was tracking the House bill as it was let out of committee but noted that was the last it had moved. Commissioner Bazan stated unfortunately with the new Congress everything will start over again since the bill did not make it where it needed to be to make it official. Commissioner Bazan noted it will most likely be reintroduced in the 2023 session and stated he could reach back out to Congressman LaHood's office to find out the bill's status.

Chairman Pell stated he had reached out to Curt Mann with the Sangamon Valley Collection asking him if he would be interested in the project to survey Cartwright Township. Chairman Pell stated Curt Mann indicated surveys were not his particular thing and would not be the best candidate for the project. Chairman Pell also noted he had contacted Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) and they do a significant amount of historic preservation work. Chairman Pell noted WJE has done survey work for Will County and others and has completed projects under similar circumstances where their clients were using CLG grants. Chairman Pell noted the Commission has four prospective consultants in WJE, Floyd Mansberger with Fever River Research, Wendy Becker, and Paula Mohr. Chairman Pell stated he was going to work on getting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) so that the Commission can obtain the necessary information to apply for the grant. Chairman Pell noted he has been in touch with Jon Pressley who got him in touch with Andrew Heckenkamp regarding the guidelines for the survey which is detailed in the grants manual. Chairman Pell noted as a part of the RFP to the consultants he will be sending them the Commission's survey form and instructions as well as the previous year's grant manual noting the new grant will most likely be similar to previous ones. Chairman Pell noted he had sent an email to Commissioner Molly Berns in regards to staff involvement and whether the involvement could be a part of the in-kind contribution or if the county would require being reimbursed for that time and noted Commissioner Berns was going to get back to him in regards to an answer. Commissioner Bazan asked if the Commission would be asking a consultant to fill out a survey form for every parcel in Cartwright Township. Chairman Pell

indicated that would be up to the consultants, but felt it was important for them to have the forms we use and noted as of right now the Commission has narrowed the number of parcels down to the parcels in Cartwright Township with improvements (structures).

Old Business: Chairman Pell noted the barn book has been put on the back burner for another month.

Chairman Pell noted additionally for the CLG grant application that once an estimate for completing a survey for Cartwright Township is received then the Commission should make sure to have the rest of the application ready for the Finance Committee of the County Board to approve. Chairman Pell noted that Jon Pressley expressed that there is not a 2023 grant manual out yet but it may be coming in late January or in February. Chairman Pell noted the next Finance Committee meeting would be January 24th so the Commission would have to have a completed application by January 19th to be on the agenda.

New Business: Staff member Prather reminded the Commission that the annual report for FY 2022 will need to be completed. Commissioner Lathan stated she would willing to work on the Commission's annual report. Staff member Prather reminded the rest of the Commissioners to let Commissioner Lathan know if they had completed any education or training activities within the past year. Chairman Pell noted the Commission is supposed to submit an annual report to the County and also to the Historic Preservation Division of IDNR which will allow the Commission to be in good standing to be eligible for CLG grants.

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Lathan asked Chairman Pell if the chair of the Springfield Historic Sites Commission, Dave Steckel, ever got back to him after their December meeting in regards to a joint CLG application for Route 66. Chairman Pell stated no but he will reach out to see if there was positive feedback.

Commissioner Williams stated he is working on a recruitment video for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Williams also reported he is working on a Route 66 video.

Commissioner Raut stated he posted the meeting notice on the Facebook page but noted it would be nice to have other content to post on the Facebook page. Chairman Pell stated the Commission could post on the anniversaries of when landmarks were approved.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn the January meeting with Commissioner Bock seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather